

# What to do with the student who won't do his work

## With the student who attends school:

- Give students time to get started on work in class.
- Don't penalize the student without discussing the situation first.
- Talk to the student to explain how his grade will be affected.
- Talk to the student privately to assess if there are personal or family problems that are contributing factors.
- Talk to the student's other teacher to see if it is an issue in all subject areas.
- Considering letting a student drop the lowest score of the grading period.
- Talk privately with the student to identify the aptitude of the student for the work being done in class. Identify any special needs that the student may require to be successful in school.
- Interview the student to see if there are personality conflicts with group members that hinders the ability

## With the student who is frequently absent:

- Review absentee patterns of all students before assigning group work. Assign an extra student to a group that contains a student who is chronically absent.
- Talk to the student to identify personal or family problems that are contributing factors.
- Organize a makeup work system where absentee students are given resources to make it easier for them to be accountable for their work. Set up time before/after school or during study periods to complete work that the student has missed.
- Include the counselor and the parents in efforts to keep absentee students on track for completing work.

## Help the student to be more responsible:

- Clearly communicate expectations and due dates. Don't rely on your verbal announcements. Use the chalkboard and handouts that spell them out.
- Keep the student accountable for his work. Stick to deadlines unless the student has a valid excuse.
- Carefully monitor student activity during class to help students stay on task and to hear instructions.
- Give feedback on student performance so that students see the effects of doing (or not doing) school work and have an opportunity to change behavior to improve the grade.